

CONGRESSIONAL.

Thirty-Fifth Congress—First Session.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1858.

SENATE.

VOTING RECORD FOR THE DAY.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate joint resolutions of the legislature of Kentucky, authorizing the governor of that State to make a regiment of volunteers and tender them to the President of the United States for service in the Territory of Utah; which were read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. CRITTENDEN subsequently asked the unanimous consent of the Senate to withdraw those resolutions, as he had received a note from his colleague, who was desirous to submit some remarks on the subject. The motion was agreed to.

MARTIAL LAW IN WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The VICE PRESIDENT also laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of the Territory of Washington, relative to the proclamation of martial law in the counties of Pierce and Thurston by the governor of said Territory; which were read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIALS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. JONES and Mr. HARLAN presented several memorials from the legislature of Iowa, praying grants of land to aid in the construction of certain railroads; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. GWIN and Mr. BRODERICK presented joint resolutions of the legislature of California in favor of the establishment of certain mail routes, and in relation to the donation of public land to settlers in the State of California; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. BENJAMIN presented the memorial of John C. F. Salomon and George W. Morris, inventors and patentees of certain improvements in the construction and fitting up of sailing vessels and steamers by the use of the screw propeller, which would be greatly improved, and an appropriation made for a practical test of their invention; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. BIGLER presented a memorial of the board of marine underwriters of Philadelphia, praying that the act establishing the Light-House Board be amended, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. B also presented a memorial of the board of trade of Philadelphia, praying the establishment of a line of mail steamers between Philadelphia and Savannah and the Port of Para in Brazil, touching at St. Thomas, Barbadoes, and Demarara; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. STUART presented a memorial of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, praying that a grant of land may be made for the endowment of the agricultural college of that State, and similar institutions in each State of the Union; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. DOUGLASS presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the erection of a light-house at the mouth of Keweenaw river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Tennessee, presented a resolution of the legislature of that State in favor of such an amendment to the postage laws as will allow persons sending public documents or newspapers by mail to endorse upon their names; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. HASLER presented a joint resolution of the legislature of Iowa, in favor of the erection of a post office at that State, and custom-house at Burlington, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of the Commissioners of Emigration of the State of New York, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; which was agreed to.

Mr. KING, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to grant Rome Arsenal to the State of New York on certain conditions; which was read three times by unanimous consent and passed.

Mr. MALLOY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported bills for the relief of Oliver H. Berryman and D. M. Moseley; which were read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. IVERSON, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Mary Petery; which was read and passed to a second reading.

CREDENTIALS PRESENTED.

Mr. CLAY presented the credentials of the Hon. JAMES P. HENDERSON, elected a senator by the legislature of Texas to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Thomas J. R. White; which were read; and Mr. H. having appeared, the oath prescribed by the constitution was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

On motion by Mr. SEBASTIAN, a resolution was adopted requesting the Secretary of War to communicate for the use of the Senate any information within his knowledge concerning the late expedition of Lieut. E. F. Beale to open a wagon-road from a point near Fort DeRance, in New Mexico, to the western borders of California, and also requesting him to furnish a map or chart of such road.

On motion by Mr. HUNTER, a resolution was adopted requesting the Postmaster General to inform the Senate the amount which has been allowed and paid to postmasters of distributing and separating offices out of the postages collected at such offices, under the two provisions of the act entitled "An act to regulate the pay of deputy postmasters," approved 22d June, 1854, authorizing the Postmaster General in his discretion to make extra allowances to such offices.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. BRIGHT said that the reason why his name did not appear on the final vote on the passage of the army bill was because he had paired off with Mr. WADSWORTH, who was detained from his seat by sickness—he being for the bill, and Mr. W. against it.

CIVIL OFFICERS OF KANSAS.

On motion by Mr. WILSON, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolution submitted by him the other day, requesting the President of the United States to inform the Senate whether any officers in the civil service of the United States in the Territory of Kansas are absent from their posts in said Territory; and if so, the reasons therefor.

The question pending was on the motion by Mr. BRUCE to reconsider the vote on said resolution, which was agreed to.

After a few remarks on the subject, Mr. BIGGS moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. STUART raised the question of order whether, under the rules of the Senate, a motion to reconsider could be laid on the table.

The CHAIR decided that such a motion could be laid on the table, but could be called up again at any time.

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